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FROM USDEL FOR IO/UNP DAN KURTZER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OCON, UN, SENV, PARN
SUBJ: UN DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

REF: (A) NAIROBI 11501, (B) STATE 212424, (C) STATE 212449

1. SMALL WORKING GROUP OF AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, UK,
CANADA AND US AGAINMET THIS NOON AND PREPARED TWO
ALTERNATIVE DRAFTS, MAIN DISTINCTIONS BEING THAT (A)
DEALS IN GENERAL TERMS WITH "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES"
RATHER THAN EXCLUSIVELY WITH "THOSE ENGAGED IN WARS
OF LIBERATION," WHILE (B) IS MORE SPECIFIC IN REFERRING
TO "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" INCLUDING THOSE... IN ARMED
STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY
ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE". DRAFT ALSO MORE SPECIFIC IN
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MANY OF PREAMBLE REFERENCES DESIRED BY US AND WEOG
AND IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS. NO RPT NO MENTION
ENMOD BECAUSE OF FRENCH SENSITIVITIES AND OBJECTIONS.

2. US DEL REQUESTS IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER
REVISED DRAFT (ALTERNATIVE (B)) IN PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW
STILL CONTAINS TOO MANY ELEMENTS WHICH WE CANNOT

SUPPORT.

3. AT MEETING AT NOON TODAY CALLED BY CONFERENCE
PRESIDENT KIANO AND ATTENDED BY WEOG CHAIRMAN (AUSTRALIAN)
AND CAPE VERDE REPRESENTATIVE, LATTER ACCEPTED ALTERNA-
TIVE B. KIANO TO MEET AT 3:45 P.M. TODAY WITH CHAIR-
PERSONS OF VARIOUS REGIONAL GROUPS (WEOG, AFRICANS,
ASIANS) TO DISCUSS GENERAL ACCEPTABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE
B. AT 4:30 P.M. TODAY COMMITTEE OF WHOLE WILL MEET TO
TAKE UP ITEM. KIANO SAYS HE WILL NOT PUT MATTER TO
VOTE AS LONG AS DISCUSSIONS AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS ON ITEM
STILL IN PROGRESS.

4. IT US DEL OPINION, ALTERNATIVE B DRAFT MAY NOT
BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL MEMBERS, WEOG AS WELL AS SOME AFRICANS
EVEN THOUGH ACCEPTABLE TO CAPE VERDE.

5. BEGIN TEXT ALTERNATIVE B DRAFT RESOLUTION:

" THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION,
MEETING AT NAIROBI (KENYA) FROM 29 AUGUST TO 9 SEPTEMBER
1977,

RECALLING PARAGRAPH 197 OF DOCUMENT A/CONF. 74/1 ON
DESERTIFICATION RESULTING FROM WAR, AND PARAGRAPH 107
OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE UNITED
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NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION HELD AT NAIROBI
FROM 12 TO 16 APRIL, 1977 (A/CONF.74/33/ADD.1) DEALING
WITH THIS SUBJECT,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 31/64 OF 10
DECEMBER 1976 AND 31/65 OF 10 DECEMBER 1976,

RECALLING INTER ALIA THE 1925 GENEVA PROTOCOL AND THE
1972 BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION,

RECALLING THE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE
CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD) TO ACHIEVE THE PROHIBI-
TION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND STOCKPILING
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

CONSIDERING THAT THE PROTECTION OF ECOSYSTEMS AND
OF THE BIOSPHERE SHOULD BE ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS
OF MANKIND,

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY
AND MODERN TECHNIQUES PLACES AT THE DISPOSAL OF MAN-
KIND DANGEROUS MEANS FOR THE MASS DESTRUCTION OF ECO-

SYSTEMS,

NOTING THAT THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS DURING WARS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DESERTIFICATION IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORLD AND THAT THESE FACTORS ARE MOST SERIOUSLY FELT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ARMED STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE.

1. CONDEMNS THE USE OF ANY TECHNIQUES THAT CAUSE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT,

2. DENOUNCES THE EFFECTS OF DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRACTICES ON THE ECOSYSTEMS OF ALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE EXPERIENCED THEM AND PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN THE STRUGGLES FOR INDEPENDENCE AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE.

3. CONDEMNS FURTHER THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS WHICH DESTROY OR DIMINISH THE POTENTIAL OF ECOSYSTEMS AND ARE CONDUCIVE TO DESERTIFICATION,

4. CONDEMNS AND DEMANDS THE PROHIBITION OF USE OF POISONS IN WATER AS A WEAPON OF WAR.

5. APPEALS TO ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO REFRAIN FROM USING OR SUPPLYING TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT THIS POLICY OF DESTRUCTION, ARMS OR CHEMICAL PRODUCTS FOR MILITARY USE THAT HAVE A WIDESPREAD, LONG LASTING OR SEVERE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT,

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

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